

## Textile Production Verification Team Visits FY 2021

The following is a brief summary of the results of the foreign factory visits by U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Textile Production Verification Teams (TPVT) during the government's fiscal year (FY) from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 for the countries listed in the tables below. During the TPVT visits, CBP verified claims for the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement (Australia FTA), the United States-Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR), the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). The total number of factories identified in the various categories for a given country may differ from the total number of factory visits in that country because the TPVT had multiple objectives in visiting the sites. Due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, CBP conducted all FY21 TPVT visits using a semi-virtual format.

## Illegal Transshipment Verifications

| Country Visited and Date   | No. of<br>Factories<br>Visited | No. of<br>Factories<br>Closed | No. of Factories<br>Refused Admission /<br>Documents | No. of Factories<br>High Risk | No. of Factories w/<br>Evidence of<br>Transshipment |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|
| Australia<br>04/2021       | 3                              | 0                             | 0  | 3                             | 0   |
| Dominican Republic 04/2021 | 4                              | 0                             | 0  | 3                             | 0   |
| Guatemala 04/2021          | 4                              | 0                             | 0  | 1                             | 0   |
| South Africa<br>05/2021    | 2                              | 0                             | 0  | 0                             | 0   |

## Trade Preference Program Verifications

No. of Factories

**AGOA** 

Compliant

Country Visited

and Date

South Africa 05/2021

| and Date                         | No. of Factories<br>Australia FTA Com-<br>pliant | No. of Factories Violating Australia FTA  | No. of Closed<br>Factories | No. of Factories with Insufficient Documents to Support Australia FTA Claims  |
|----------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------|---|
| Australia<br>04/2021             | 0  | 1   | 0                          | 2   |
| Country Visited and Date         | No. of Factories<br>CAFTA-DR<br>Compliant        | No. of Factories<br>Violating<br>CAFTA-DR | No. of Closed<br>Factories | No. of Factories with<br>Insufficient Documents to<br>Support CAFTA-DR Claims |
| Guatemala 04/2021                | 1  | 1   | 0                          | 2   |
| Dominican<br>Republic<br>05/2021 | 1  | 0   | 0                          | 3   |

No. of Closed

Factories

Shipments from factories that are closed, high risk (unable to provide production records to satisfy CBP of the origin of the merchandise) and have evidence of possible illegal transshipment will be scrutinized and validated by CBP. Shipments from non-compliant factories claiming Australia FTA, CAFTA-DR, AGOA will be verified for eligibility and preferential treatment denied, where applicable.

No. of Factories

0

Violating

**AGOA** 

No. of Factories with

Insufficient Documents to

Support AGOA Claims